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Volume 7, issue 1 of *Collaborative Librarianship* explores exciting new projects taking place in library consortia. Greg Pronevitz and I have co-edited this issue. Whether you work in a consortium or are a member of one, or more likely a member of five or six different consortia, this issue has an article for you.

George Needham, Vice President, OCLC's Global and Regional Councils, lays it all on the line in his guest editorial. He says, "if we're going to prove our long term value to the communities we serve, we need to *supersize* the way we approach collaboration. And we need to do it in Internet time, not library time."

Tom Sanville, an innovative and deeply experienced library consortia leader, is leaving the profession and for a well-deserved retirement. In an interview with Tom, Kathy Perry has captured many insights and humorous moments from his long history with consortia and ICOLC (a consortia of consortia).

The article from WiLS' Coffin and Morrill gives practical advice on how to develop a model to turn good ideas into innovative new services for member institutions. The Lee and Horton article explains research on how consortia communicate with members and also has practical advice on how to reach out to members more effectively.

Consortia are doing a lot of ebooks explorations, and we have three articles focusing on the topic. The Occam's Reader article, from Litsey and Ketner, explores exciting new options in ebook interlibrary loan within the Greater Western Library Alliance. Morris from NC Live explains how their North Carolina-centric ebook collec-

tion has been a success for libraries and patrons. Pronevitz' first new consortia column does a superb job of capturing the wide range of ebook consortial projects. The column ends with a helpful list of links to many different projects that consortia might well want to explore. Ayer's regular column provides a clear and compelling rationale for consortia getting into the business of developing more aggressively shared ILSs. Finally, a review by Anne Slaughter of a new book, *Library Consortia: Models for Collaboration and Sustainability*, completes this theme-based issue.

